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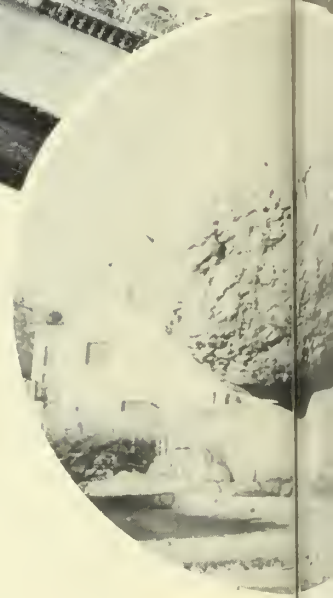
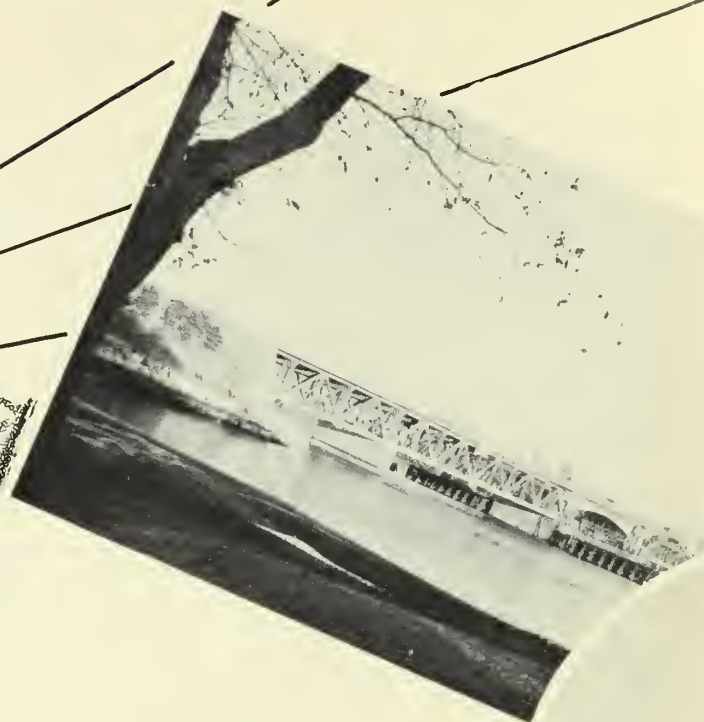
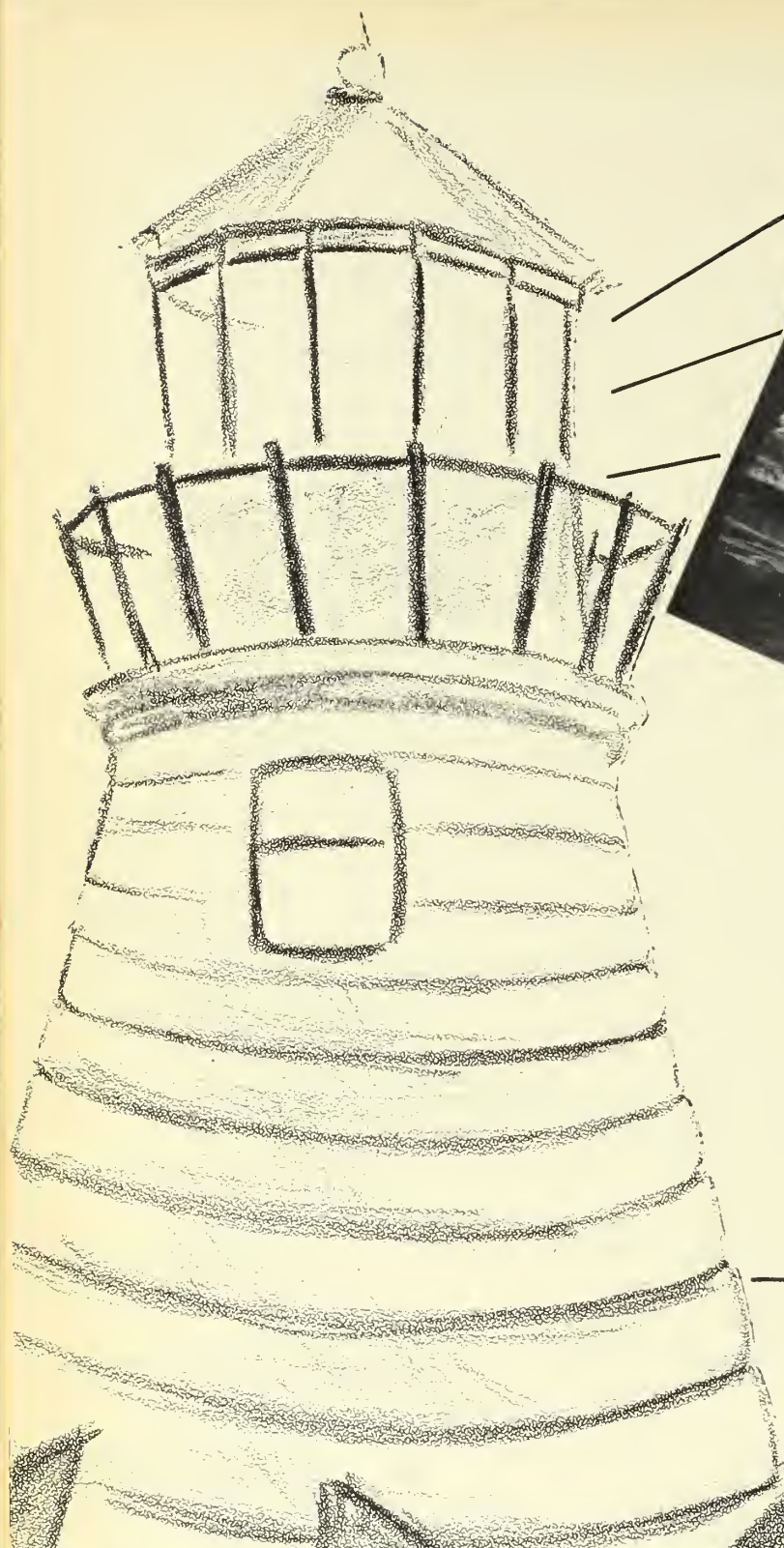
With no small feeling of trepidation we approached this door on our first coming to Mount Saint Mary Academy; and on our graduation day we reluctantly leave its portals to take our place in a busy world.

Between that first opening and its closing next June, what a wealth of experiences have been ours!

There have been our high school studies, interesting or difficult, opening out new vistas toward our cherished goals; friendships formed, ideals implanted; the spiritual aids of retreats, visits to Our Eucharistic Lord, rosaries in honor of His Holy Mother, the Star of the Sea; Masses, Sodality. Our feelings nearly overwhelm us when we begin to realize that soon, all this will be memory.

We promise to cherish these memories, and try to live our lives according to the pattern offered to us.

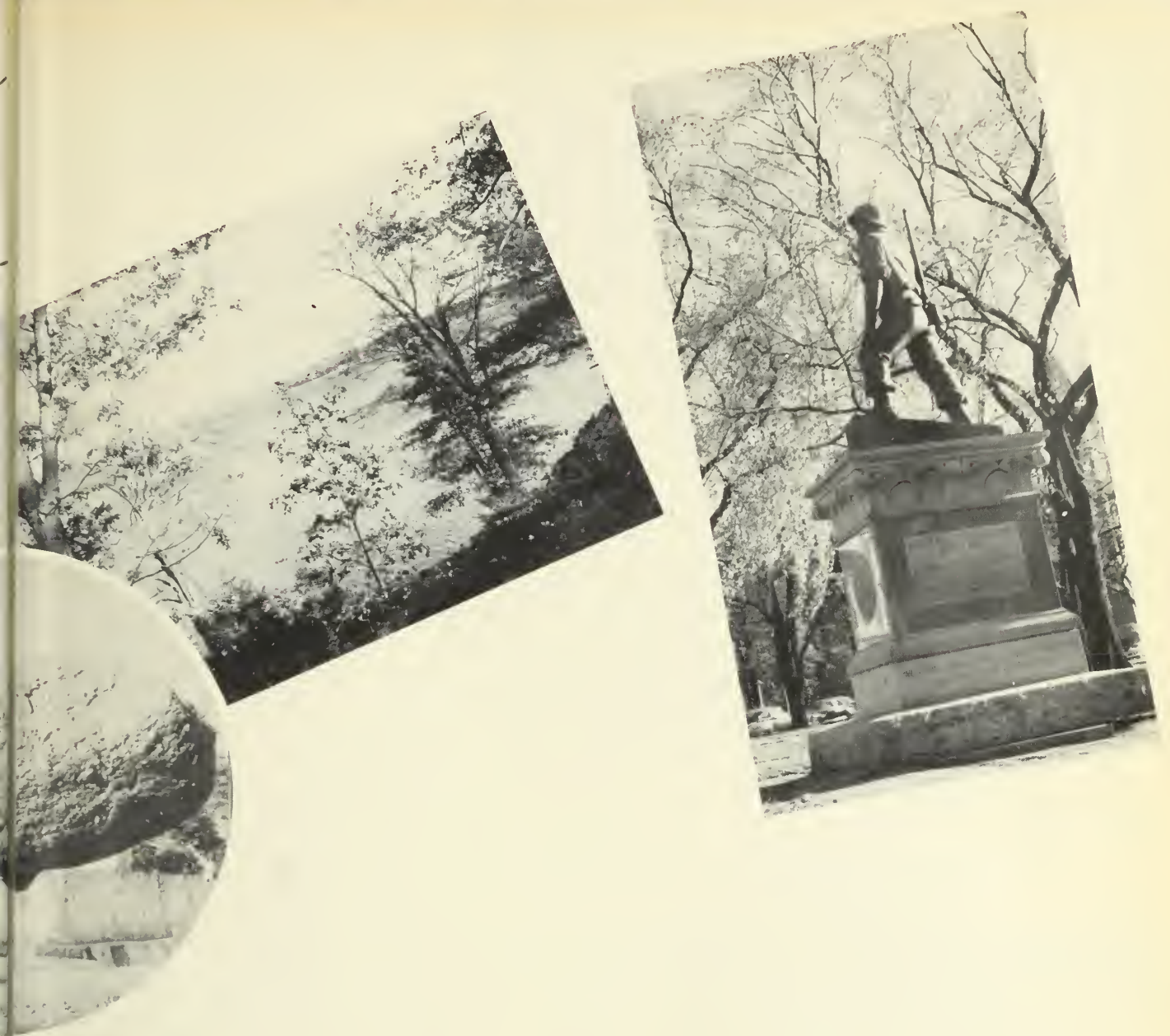




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Mt. St. Mary Academy students feel deeply indebted to his Excellency, our beloved Bishop, for his interest in our spiritual life and our scholastic functions, as well as for his generous gifts to our library. His Excellency has ever been ready to oblige whenever possible, and we are respectfully grateful for his cordial assistance.

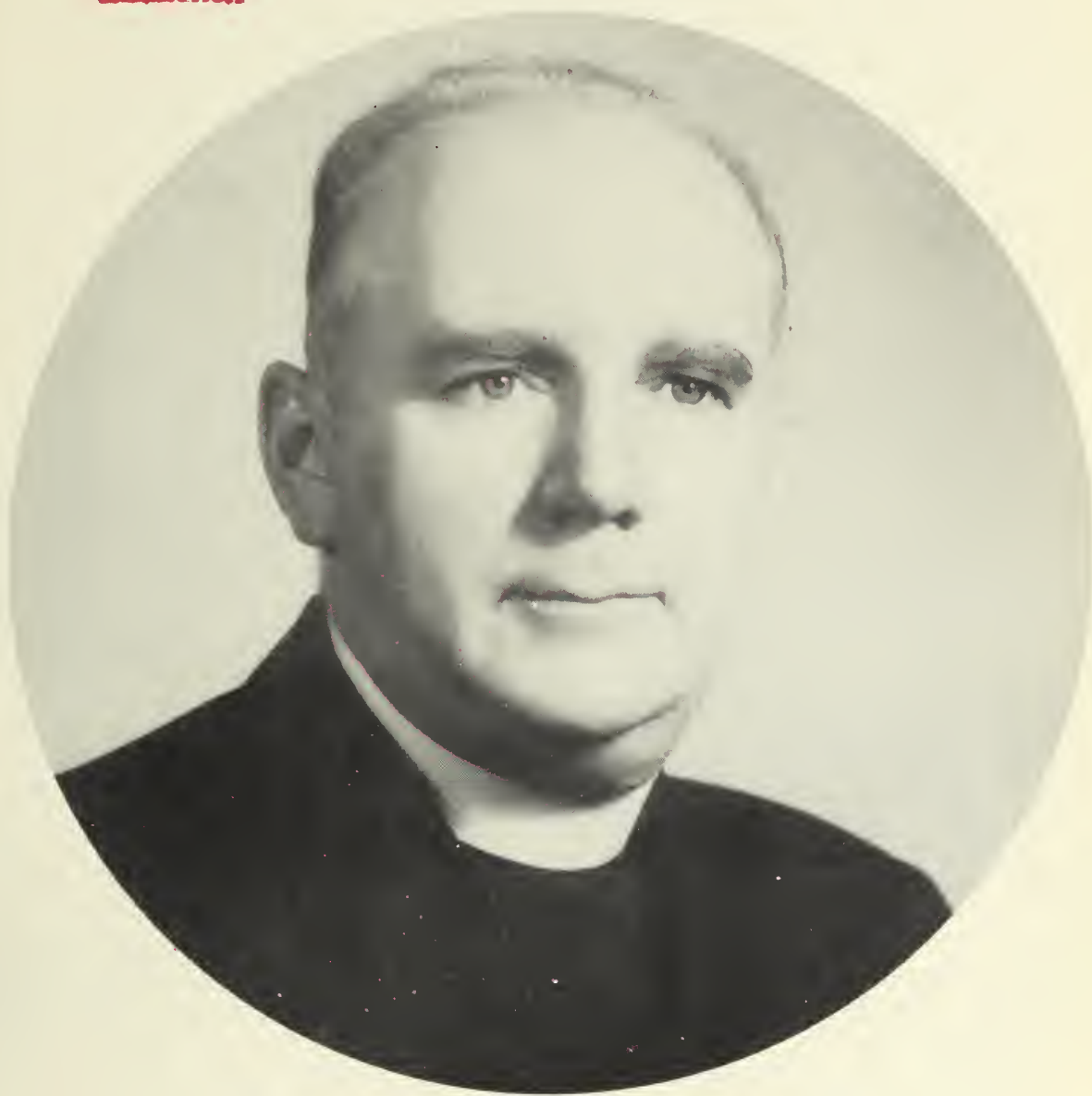
His Excellency, The Most Reverend James L. Connolly, D.D. Sc.H.

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Mary Callahan presents the 1952 Mercycrest to His Excellency, aided by Rose Ryan, Joan Markland, Sheila Higgins, Ada King and Aldina Silvia.







REV. EDWARD J. GORMAN A.M.

As diocesan superintendent of schools, Father Gorman has always shown a deep and kindly interest in M.S.M.A., for which we, the students, express our heart-felt gratitude.



THE RIGHT REVEREND JAMES J. GERRARD, V.G.

We respectfully honor the Right Reverend James J. Gerrard, V.G., devoted friend of youth, who, interested in our interests, ever inspires us with a deep, practical Faith.

At the opening of our senior year we were gladdened by the news that our Reverend Director had been elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate. We rejoiced at this new honor which Our Holy Father had conferred upon you, Monsignor, but we feared that your time might be so crowded that you could no longer act as advisor for our academy. Subsequent months have proved that our fears were in vain. Because of your untiring interest in our problems, your zeal in urging us on to be different, your generous expenditure of time, patience, effort, and your guiding counsel, we lovingly dedicate our 1953 MERCYCREST to you, Right Reverend James J. Gerrard, V.G.





Monsignor Gerrard discusses books with Frances Riley, Beverly Hayes and Margaret Donnelly in our well stocked library.



Our Reverend Director autographs yearbooks for Eileen and Maureen Murphy, and Dolores St. Pierre, June, 1952.





MOTHER M. HILDA, R.S.M., Ph.D.

*Mother Provincial of the Sisters of  
Mercy of the Providence of  
Providence*

Our years at Mt. St. Mary Academy have been enriched by the visits of Mother Provincial. We will not soon forget your graciousness for the entertainment and gifts we have presented you, or your exhortations to virtue and scholastic endeavor, as well as your evident interest in the student body. We are truly grateful and pray that we may be worthy alumnae of M.S.M.A.



SISTER MARY CARMELA, R.S.M., M.A.  
*Principal*

Throughout our four years at Mount Saint Mary Academy, Sister Mary Carmela, R.S.M., our beloved principal, has deeply inspired us to be models of Mary, Star of the Sea, by her zealous fervor and splendid example.

Sister, acting as a patient counselor in all our trials and difficulties, has played a most important role in our high school life.

Although we are now regretfully about to leave Mount Saint Mary's, the beautiful influence of Sister Mary Carmela will always remain with us.

We, the Class of 1953, are deeply grateful to you, Sister, and we sincerely express our heartfelt gratitude for your unfailing kindness and understanding.



Almost daily we find it necessary to visit the office of our registrar, Sister Mary Stanislaus, R.S.M. In spite of all the demands upon her time, Sister retains unruffled patience; one cannot but admire the fine qualities of charity Sister unconsciously presents to us each day.



SISTER MARY STANISLAUS R.S.M.



MISS DELENA LAVIGNINO, R.N.

Miss Delena Lavignino, our school nurse, is indefatigable in the many duties which her position places upon her. We like to hear her announcement over our communication system that she is ready to see any girl who needs her help.





Mirth, gaiety, seriousness and surprise. These are a few of the expressions mirrored in the faces of Mount girls at recreation.



Janice Nowak, Marilyn Storch, Carol Braga and Margaret Mollo bid a grateful goodbye to Monsignor Gerrard after a sodality meeting.

Joan Markland's original sketches are met with hearty approval by Marilyn Hodgson, Mary Callahan and Patricia O'Connor.

Many and varied are the tasks which confronted the staff of the *Mercycress*. Mary Callahan, Joan Markland, S.M. Irene, R.S.M.; Marilyn Hodgson and Patricia O'Connor.





Throughout our four years at Mt. St. Mary Academy, our Lady has continually beamed down on us her choicest favors, both to help us in our studies and to make us strong, catholic women. As a lighthouse is a guide to ships on the stormy waters, so our Lady, Star of the Sea, is a light to us on the perilous waters of life.







Anna Soares happily daubs paint on her canvas.



Sister Mary Alberta, R.S.M., demonstrates, while Muriel Levesque, Marie Costa, Annette Coderre and Faith Henderson watch attentively.



The Seniors seem to be enjoying some remark of Monsignor Gerrard during their religion class.





The Junior English class with Sister M. Flora, R.S.M., are busy tracing the development of American literature.



Sister Mary Carmela, R.S.M., and her students of Modern History.



Aversion or attraction? Which registers on the faces of the Sophomore Biologists?





Sister Mary Verona, R.S.M., instructs the seniors in double entry bookkeeping.



A group of typists of the Junior class increases its speed and accuracy in typing under the teaching of Sister Mary Dionysia, R.S.M.



One class of the Freshman group attacks addition of fractions in Algebra. Sister Mary Irene, R.S.M., instructor.





S.M. FIDELIS  
R.S.M.  
A.B.



S. M. ROSE  
R.S.M.  
A.B., A.M.



S.M. GERTRUDE  
R.S.M.  
A.B., M.Ed.



S.M. ALBERTA  
R.S.M.  
A.B., A.M.



S.M. DIONYSIA  
R.S.M.  
A.B.



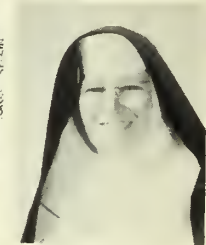
S.M. EVANGELISTA  
R.S.M.  
A.B., M.Ed.



S.M. IRENE  
R.S.M.  
A.B., A.M.



S.M. FLORA  
R.S.M.  
A.B.



S.M. VERONA  
R.S.M.  
B.Ed., B.Mus.



MRS. DANIEL J. KELLY, JR



MRS. RITA M. GRIFFIN



MISS EILEEN MCSORLEY

We cannot find words to express adequately the sincerest gratitude which is due our Faculty. For four years they have striven to mould us into ideal Catholic women, patterned after Mary, our Divine Model. They have earnestly endeavored to impart to us their store of grace and wisdom. All our lives we shall remember with deepest appreciation the faculty of Mount Saint Mary Academy, and their patient, untiring assistance to us, the class of "53."





Margaret and Mary Donnelly; Ada and Carroll King; Carol and Estelle Auddet; Rose and Mary Lou Ryan; and Claudette and Jacqueline Ross.

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PRAISE

Lorraine, Claire and Rita Martin; Mary Lou and Anne Breault; Frances and Rosemary Finneran; Mary Lou and Sheila Murray.

OF



SISTERS"

Patricia, Maureen and Eileen Murphy; Frances and Helen Riley; Sheila and Mary Esther Daley.

Cornelia and Margaret Moore, Monsignor Gerard, Carol Ann and Mary Lou Heffernan, and Eileen and Kathleen Hinchcliffe.



Patricia Cowell, Natalie Costa, Irene Arruda, Nancy Berger, Theresa Biltcliffe, Jean Silvia.



Marilyn Foley, Muriel Levesque, Sheila Daley, Helen Aguiar, Anna Farias, Madeline Demers.



Rosemary Drislan, Estelle Audet, Barbara Carreira, Nancy DeCosta, Johann Committo, Carol Charlton, Maureen Canfield.



Joan Smith, Claire Martin, Joan Sousa, Jacqueline Ross, Janice Mercure, Margaret Moore.



Barbara Mello, Irene Connell, Mary Lou Breault, Jeannette Fontaine, Annette Coderre, Marie Costa, Sister Mary Verona.



Patricia Haggerty, Eleanor Hartley, Mary Camara, Rita McCann, Janice Bigos, Elizabeth Michaud, Sister Mary Flora.







Lura Booth, Treasurer Rm. 4; Mary Manning, Treasurer Rm. 2; Gail Lambert, Vice President Rm 4; Rosemarie Silvia, Secretary Rm. 2; Sylvia Mithers, Secretary Rm. 4; Anna Soares, President Rm. 2; Cornelia Moore, Vice President Rm. 2; Frances Finneran, President Rm. 4.

Here we have our FRESHMEN! Gay, eager, responsive and willing to learn. Although they arrived at Mount Saint Mary's timid and strange, they readily adapted themselves to Mount regime. Carry on in this spirit of loyalty and co-operation, Freshmen!

First table: Frances Martin, Louise Nobile, Faith Henderson, Suzanne Hanley. Second table: Noreen Falvey, Mary Lou Murray, Virginia Ouellette, Nancy Mills. Third table: Elizabeth Flynn, Sheila McMahon, Patricia Virdinlia, Margaret Fazio, Dolores White.



Mary Lou Ryan, Barbara Roias, Shirley Wyka, Carol Sullivan, Shirley Thibault, Margaret Fazio.





# Sophomore

Joan Chouinard, Carol Audet, Lucy Gamache, Carol Dutton; Kathleen Hinchcliffe, Joan Sececa, Linda Pimental; Jo Ann Griffin, Estelle Belanger.



Monica Silvia, Alice Tavares, Joan Jalbert, Carol Quinn; Joan Powers, Joan Chodkowski, Carol Leach, Janet Hunt, Sheila Murray, Doris Rochefort.

How quickly our underclassmen grow up! The two years you have spent at Mt. St. Mary Academy have shown us your fine calibre. We know that you show forth among your ranks sincere scholastic effort, dramatic and vocal ability.

Pauline Casey, Helen Riley, Carol Wilson, Ester Williamson; Joan Araujo, Rosemary Finneran, Claudette Dumais, Annette Beauregard, Anne Glynn.



Virginia Crawford, Alice Armstrong, Claudette Bouchard, Dorothy Woloweic, Eleanor Vanasse, Madeline Beattie, Kathleen Boardman, Helen Woloweic with Sister Mary Fidelis, R.S.M.





# Class

Doris Gibeau, Anne Freitas, Claire Houle; Jacqueline Ferreria, Elizabeth Pytel; Carolyn Glynn, Theresa Holleran, Carol Ann Heffernan, Jo Anne Edwards, Eileen Hinchcliffe, Kathleen Dean.



Catherine McGarty, Patricia Murphy, Elaine Levesque; Patricia Nelligan, Elizabeth Parent, Elaine Jagielski, Pauline Ryan, Maureen Wilson, Maureen Lake, Beatrice Placido.

Artistic talent, a spirit of cooperation and a sincere and generous love for your school. May the years bring you an increase of these fine qualities, so that you may achieve the many goals you have in view.



Doris Rondeau, Inez Silva, Joyce Simmons, Resemarie Rocha; Janice Quinlivan, Dorothy Ward, Sheila Tuttle, Patricia Prystac.

Room 7 Class Officers: Eleanor Peterson, Treasurer; Elizabeth Fahy, Secretary; Mary Lou Heffernan, President; Geraldine Martin, Vice President.

Room 5 Class Officers: Marianne Postiglioni, President; Mary Donnelly, Vice President; Barbara Mills, Secretary; Anne Breault, Treasurer.







## Junior

Rita Bourque, Janice Arbuckle; Lucille Bolduc, Lillian Boisvert, Carol Braga, Gertrude Amaral, Nancy Bruneau; Maureen Carroll, Lillian Brodeur, Claudette Bouchard, Nancy Borges, Carole Riley.



For the Juniors of Mt. St. Mary Academy we have only the warmest feelings. You are our successors in continuing the traditions of our beloved Academy and we are cognizant of the fact that you are most capable in this respect.

Patricia D'Elia, Phyllis De Nomme, Jacqueline Tokarz, Jane Jackson, Marilyn Storch, Carol Casey, Leona Shea, Barbara Wittenger, Joan Fielding, Lillian Duchmen, Diane Venturni, Lucienne Pelletier.



Seated: Anne Fortes, Judith Kelly. Standing: Jean Kowalski, Margaret Walsh, Barbara Gerrard, Alice Correria, Loretta Hannigan, Marilyn Storch.



# Class



Ruth McKane, Janet Furtado, Lorraine Martin, Pauline Larrivee, Dorothy Medeiros, Sonja Krauzyk, Barbara Lanzisera, Patricia Cyr.

Already, one of our members has brought fame to M.S. M.A. through her literary efforts, and another, through her vocal gifts. We expect great things from you: may the future grant you true success.



Marjorie Morin, Mary Mitchell, Noreen Paiva, Margaret Mollo, Evelyn Pacheco, Claudette Ross, Janice Nowak.

Class Officers: Janice Perron, Secretary; Jane Jackson, President; Carol Donovan, Vice President; Mary Foley, Treasurer.







One bright, autumn morning with Monsignor Gerard on the academy steps.



Consulting Sister Mary Evangelista, R.S.M., the librarian.



A serious talk with Monsignor Gerrard.



Lunch time is more than food.





## *Seniors*

At last, after four short years, we have realized our ultimate goal. We are SENIORS . . . standing on the threshold of graduation. As we look back on our years here at the "Mount," it is with a realization of how much we owe to the faculty, and to our fellow students. Now we are students, wearing the blue and white of our uniform, but soon we will be clad in the white gown, with red roses—a graduate! We will keep our memories of Mount Saint Mary Academy ever fresh in our hearts.

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LORRAINE BOND

Blackstone Street SS. Peter and Paul

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

*Lorraine's hair is truly her crowning glory. Falling into thick blond waves it seems to illuminate her whole person with its beauty. Her rich mezzo voice, and sparkling personality make her liked by all. To a grand classmate we can wish only success galore.*



ANGELA BRADBURY

108 Warren Street

SS. Peter and Paul

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club  
1, 2, 3, 4; *Mercycrest*; Science  
Club 3.

*The four years which have passed so quickly have afforded us ample time to become acquainted with our classmate, but it only took a little while to realize that Angela was loyal, generous and kind. Among those who appreciated her attentiveness were the faculty, who rarely found cause to reprimand. We may not read of you in the headlines, Angela, but we shall remember and pray for you always.*



BARBARA CALLAHAN

Globe Street St. Patrick

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 4; *Mercian*.

*Peace, calm, and tranquility seem to radiate from Barbara's face and unperturbed features. I don't think anyone can recall seeing Barbara flustered. She always maintains her quiet dignity. May God ever hold you in His hand and keep you close to His Divine Heart.*



# MARY CALLAHAN

39 Lyon St. SS. Peter and Paul

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Debating Secretary 2, 3, 4; Marymounters, Secretary 3, President 4; Class President 1; *Mercycrest* Editor-in-chief; Art Club 4; Typing Club 2, 3.

*As she enters the classroom, her personality begins to liven up the early morning hours. As editor-in-chief of the "Mercycrest," she has guided the staff through its numerous and difficult tasks. Her gaiety and joviality are not to go unmentioned, for who will forget the hours that have been enlightened by her dry humor. With her departure, Mount loses a versatile and vibrant personality.*



# JEAN CAYA

177 Nashua St.  
SS. Peter and Paul

Class Secretary, President 2; Debating Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Latin Club 3, 4; French Club 4; Student Council 3; Journalism Club 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; *Mercian* Editor.

*Stateliness and dignity are personified in Jean. She has won*



*herself an unforgettable place in the annals of Mount. Her quick mind and confident nature make no problem difficult. Your quiet charm, Jean, has endeared you to the hearts of all your classmates. In parting, we pray that our dear Lord may grant you every success and happiness in the future.*

# MAUREEN CONNELLY

253 Buffington St. SS. Peter and Paul

Sodality 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; French Club 4; *Mercian* 4; Commercial Club 4; Typing Club 3, 4; Journalism Club 4.

*Maureen entered our school in her sophomore year, and has since made a number of friends among the student body. We must admit that she is a perfect friend. We are also aware of her unselfishness. May the outside world appreciate and esteem you as much as we hate.*





### HELEN CONNORS

64 Broad Street St. Patrick

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Student Council 4; Latin Club 3, 4; *Mercyrest*.

*Constant, true, dependable and steadfast are the virtues which have made Helen a blessing to her teachers and classmates. Her charity makes Helen a vital part of our high school memories. Would that many seniors imitate her punctuality and regularity! May God's sweetest blessings make your life as bright as a summer day.*



### CLAUDETTE CORMIER

88 Elsbree Street  
St. Rock's

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 4; *Mercyrest*.

*A warm and sincere feeling of friendliness has won her a place in the hearts of all her classmates. Her interest in the commercial world leads us to believe she will choose a secretarial career. Goodbye, Claudette; may God crown all your efforts with His blessings.*

### JANICE COTTER

Main Road Holy Ghost

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 2; Dramatics 3, 4; Student Council 3; *Mercian* co-editor; Latin Club 3.

*Beneath a quiet, sophisticated air, we found our Janice a jolly, fun-loving senior. We are positive that Janice will strike an interesting figure as she tends to the aches and pains of a suffering world in the garb of an angel of mercy. May your friendly smile radiate to all who come in contact with you, Janice, and may you never forget the friends you left behind at M.S.M.A. Auf Wiedersehen.*





JANET CUILLO

731 Prospect Street Holy Name

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Commerical Club 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; *Mercycrest*.

*Janet is one of the smallest members of the Senior class. Her loquacious manner will not be forgotten by all who have walked the halls of Mount. We wish you nothing but success and happiness in the future.*



MARY ESTHER DALEY

359 Manchester Street

SS. Peter and Paul

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; French Club 4; *Mercycrest*.



*In years to come we are sure that the nursing profession will claim our beloved Mary. We know that the change from the blue uniform will not affect her lovable disposition. So, au revoir, Mary; you are a student whom the Mount dearly prized. As you tread the corridors of life, may you always look back with happy memories to your high school days.*

MARY DUMAIS

71 Stafford Road SS. Peter and Paul

Sodality 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 3; Commercial Club 4; French Club 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3; *Mercian*.

*Capable, pleasing smile and neatness best describe Mary. Neatness must be her phobia for she outrates the proverbial pin in this virtue. Whatever your choice may be along the three roads, Mary, nothing short of happiness is your due. With this wish to you we wave a friendly goodbye.*





# MARGARET DONNELLY

50 Hathaway Street St. Joseph

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club, Treasurer 3; Commercial Club; Art Club; Typing Club; Science Club; Class Secretary; *Mercycrest*.

*Here, indeed, is a sincere and capable student. Her cheerful smile and friendly disposition is a comfort to all. As you stand on the threshold of the future, may the friendships you have acquired at our school serve to smooth the rough spots and help you climb the hurdles on the road to fortune.*



# CYNTHIA FAHY

Wilder Street

ST. Michael

Sodality 2, 3, 4; Marymounters 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; *Mercycrest*.

*"Sugar 'n spice and everything nice," that's the stuff our Cynthia's made of. With her sparkling blue eyes and quiet manner, she is an ideal pupil. Though you must leave M.S.M.A., Cynthia, we pray that the world will accept you with open arms. We know that the sad world of today will be brighter for your having smiled on it.*

# BEVERLY HAYES

149 Tecumseh Street SS. Peter and Paul

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Science Club 3; Class Vice President 1; Class Treasurer 4; Vice President, Dramatic Club 4; Science Club 3; *Mercian*-assistant editor.

*Here is a girl who will be your loyal friend forever. Acquaint yourself with her pleasing ways. A good student, her high school spirit has been acclaimed by all. Your congenial disposition will always remain in our memories. God be with you ever, dear Bev.*





# MARGARET HICKEY

74 Conant Street SS. Peter and Paul

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Mercian; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Dramatic Club 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

*Her small dignified figure and pert walk unite to make Peggy one of the most remembered girls in the class of '53. Her future is sure to be successful. Remember your classmates occasionally, Peggy, for we shall think of you. Farewell!*



# SHEILA HIGGINS

750 Second Street

SS. Peter and Paul

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality Treasurer 4; Vice President 2; Treasurer 3; Commercial Club 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Captain 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Mercian 4.



*A dash of spice, a bit of sunshine, a measure of charm, fill out a pleasing recipe for an all-round wonderful girl. The finished product—Sheila! During the years we have been acquainted with this lass she has unceasingly entertained us with her comical tales and contagious laughter. Keep it up Sheila. We wish you the greatest of success in the world. Remember, Mary, our Mother, is in back of you.*

# MARILYN HODGSON

541 South Almond Street St. Louis

Sodality 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 3; Class President 4; Class Secretary 3; Co-editor *Mercycrest*.

*Being President of the senior class is an honor which few students deserve. However, Marilyn is a girl worthy of that and more. She is the personification of sweetness, sincerity, and a loyal friend. Whatever the future holds for you, you will return the joy and contentment that you have brought to others—this we are sure. Farewell, Marilyn, our esteemed President.*





### ADA KING

497 East Main Street St. Patrick

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3; Marymounters 3; Treasurer 4; Mercian.

*From the halls of the Mount to hospital corridors travels another Mount girl, launching a hopeful nursing career. Acquaintanceship with Ada helps us to admire her many qualities. All her patients will repose in a happy frame of mind with Ada nearby to keep them amused. We know our dear Lord will guide her in her noble profession and she will find inspiration in His Divine Heart.*



### CARROLL KING

497 East Main Street  
St. Patrick

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 4; Marymounters 3, 4; Mercycrest.

*With staunch ideals Carroll has won herself the reputation of being dependable and trustworthy. Always efficient, the seniors feel honored to have her in their number. The determination you possess will help you to hold your own after graduation. But as all good things must come to an end, so must our days at the Mount. Adios, Carroll.*

### MARILYN LOMAX

286 Whipple Street St. Mary

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 4.

*Through Marilyn has been with us only two short years we don't know how we could have gotten along without her. She is sheer fun to be with and her conversation is filled with witty comments. In days to come we shall always remember her charming ways and pray that God will grant her every wish.*





EUNICE MACEDO

435 Hope Street Santo Christo

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3; Commercial Club 4; Mercian

*Eunice has been a faithful friend in her four years at the Mount and has won numerous friends. She is as yet undecided what part she will take in life, but whatever it is, we wish her the best of success.*



JOAN MARKLAND

50 Warren Street  
SS. Peter and Paul

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 4; Science Club 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Art Club 4; Mercycrest; Typing Club 1, 2.



*Another fun-loving senior is Joan, always smiling and always seeming to be having loads of fun. This fine classmate is highly gifted and a lover of art. We know that in years to come she will be a great success. Good luck to you always, Joan; we'll never forget the hours we spent toiling over the illustrations of the MERCEYCREST.*

RITA MARTIN

28 Louis Street St. Michael's

Dramatic Club 3, 4; Mercycrest; Sodality 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4.

*In our midst a serene face stands out from all the rest. Who is it? Rita, without whom the senior class would not be complete. Her application to study and her strict adherence to the voice of duty pave the way for a successful career. As we say goodbye, Rita, we know that a little of you will remain implanted in our hearts.*





MADELINE MAYO

518 Second Street St. Mary's

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4.

*A warm and sincere feeling of friendliness has won Madeline a place in the hearts of all her classmates. We will always remember her as the girl who contributed her time and talents to class projects. It has been pleasant knowing you four years. Goodbye, Madeline; may God crown your efforts with His blessings.*

CONSTANCE MEDEIROS

171 Kilburn St.

Our Lady of Angels

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3; Mercian.



*Connie is a loyal friend and a kind one. Your quiet charm has endeared you to the hearts of all. In parting we pray that Our dear Lord may grant you every success your heart desires.*

JEAN MICHAUD

152 Blackstone Street SS. Peter and Paul

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; Mercycrest.

*A soft voice and gentle charm make Jean every inch a perfect lady. Enhancing her attractiveness are blond hair and hazel eyes. As a cheerleader she has added distinction to every game. May you be appreciated wherever you go as much as you have been here and you will be, if you stay as nice as you are.*





NORMA MONAST  
Main Road Holy Ghost

Sodality 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3; Mercian.

*Norma's greatest pleasure in life is making other people happy. Whether being a friend in need or an exponent of generosity we have all come to cherish her dearly. Her intense loyalty for her school is a trait that will grow and develop into intense loyalty for anything worth while in the future. She's a toast to the class of "53." All hail to you, dear Norma.*



EILEEN MURPHY  
167 Main Road  
Holy Ghost

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3, 4; Art Club 4; Sodality Prefect 4; *Mercycrest*; French Club 3, 4.



*Eileen's sheer enjoyment of life can melt away any care or sorrow one may have and let in the sunlight. She is a joy to be with, a pleasure to talk with. Please don't ever change. May you always remember the class of "53" in your daily prayers. And may Our Lady always protect you under her sheilding mantle of blue.*



MAUREEN MURPHY  
167 Main Road Holy Ghost

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 3; Art Club 4; *Mercycrest*.

*Never has a more generous girl graced the halls of Mount. Her cheery outlook on life will be remembered by all as well as her witty humor. May you always remember the friends you have cultivated at Mount.*



PATRICIA O'CONNOR

33 Freedom Street St. Patricks

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Treasurer 1, 2; Commercial Club 4; Cheerleader 3; Head Cheerleader 4; Basketball 1, 2; Science Club 3; *Mercycrest* Co-Editor 4.

*An attractive appearance, plus a magnetic personality, a staunch school spirit, and a gay sense of humor all combine to make Pat the wonderful girl that she is. The MERCYCREST would never have gotten along without Pat's literary talents. As head Cheerleader, she has loyally cheered the team on to success. Goodbye, Pat . . . with such attributes as yours, you are sure to find every success in the future.*



DOROTHY PATTERSON

2586 Riverside Avenue  
St. Thomas More

Commercial Club, Vice President 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; *Mercycrest* 4.

*Dependability is one of the virtues which has made Dorothy a blessing to her teachers. Her genuine charity, and infectious laugh make her a vital part of our high school memories. May prosperity and happiness meet you in the future, Dorothy.*

FRANCES RILEY

63 Snell Street SS. Peter and Paul

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; President 2, 3; Vice President 2, 4; Commercial Club President 4; *Mercian*.

*Frances is Vice President of the senior class. She is a bit with all the students, which of course is only natural. Her sparkling smile and personality will cheer up many a glum person. We can only wish the best for her. Good luck and God bless you, Frannie.*





BARBARA ROULEAU

229 Dover Street SS. Peter and Paul

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Latin Club 3, 4; French Club 4; Typing Club 2, 3; Mercian.

*A more loyal friend has never graced the halls of the Mount. Barbara is the type of girl who finds good in everyone and faults in no one. There are no words to express the emotions we feel in saying goodbye to you, but we try to find solace in the hope that our paths will someday cross again. God be with you until then, Barbara.*



ROSE RYAN

110 Bowen St.

St. Patrick's

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 4; Dramatic Club 4; Mercian.



*Now that we must part from our dear Alma Mater, the class of '53 bids you a fond farewell. You have added immeasurably in*

*making our days at the Mount gay and yet nostalgic. We know that your straight forwardness and patience will reap a rich harvest of satisfaction for you in the world you intend to enter. May you always recall with fondness your four years at the Mount, and the friendships you have cultivated here.*



DOLORES ST. PIERRE

130 Sunset Hill St. Patrick's

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Science Club 3; Cheerleader 3, 4; Mercian.

*Always laughing and jesting, Dolores is known as the girl who never worries. She lends a bright atmosphere to an otherwise dull task. May your friendly smile bring you friends galore and may you never forget the friends you left behind at M.S.M.A.*



MAUREEN SHOVELTON  
Fourth Street St. Mary's

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 4; Basketball 4.

*Maureen's beautiful red hair would stand out in any crowd. Although we don't know your ambitions, we are confident success will be yours wherever you go. When you leave us to mingle with the world and its problems, never doubt that the Mount will send with you its best wishes and hopeful prayers.*



ALDINA SILVIA  
660 Eastern Avenue  
Espirito Santo

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 1;  
Secretary 2; Vice President 3;  
Commercial Club 4; Basketball  
1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4;  
Dramatic Club 4; *Mercycrest*;  
Vice Prefect 4.

*Aldina is outstanding at all times. There is a quality of neatness about her which we all admire. Take a bow for your aptness on the basketball squad. We are confident that success will be yours always. Our prayers go with you, even though we are sure that your deep faith in God will guide you safely to eternity.*



SHIRLEY SMITH  
207 Diman Street St. Louis

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; *Mercian*.

*Shirley is one of the quiet members of the class. She has gone through the Mount disturbing no one, but old father time. As a result of her perseverance she has become well known to her class. "Are we right, Shirley"? God bless you in the years to come.*



PHYLLIS SOLTYS

475 Tecumseh Street Holy Cross

Sodality 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Science Club 3; Latin Club President 4; Student Government Vice President 4; *Mercy-crest*.

*Here is a well-loved senior. Phyllis' generosity will insure for her the greatest success in life. She is a true combination of brains and personality. The Seniors ask God's grace and guidance to accompany you on the road of life.*



JOAN SULLIVAN

451 Division Street  
St. Louis

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; *Mercian*.

*Petite and courteous above all. Who could it be, but Joan. A*



*strong link in anyone's chain of friendship, and a diligent worker. We grieve at bidding you good-bye. May God keep an ever watchful eye on you, dear Joan.*

PATRICIA TATE

Fourth Street St. Mary's

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; *Mercian*.

*To look at. Pat one would never dream that behind her demure countenance lies a very capable and competent young lady. As you take the precious memories of your high school days with you Pat, always remember that it was the Mount who gave them to you, and it will be the Mount that will give you the inspiration to realize your life's ambition.*





### JOAN TERCERRO

207 Morgan St. St. Mary's

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Mercycress typist 4; Commercial Club 3, 4.

*Joan Tercero is a loyal friend to all. Laughter is part of her life. We will always remember her as a very thoughtful girl. Whatever you do, the class of "53" will be behind you.*

### JOAN WALSH

205 Middle St.

St. Louis

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Mercian Business Manager; Latin Club 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4.



*Often Joan has been seen dreaming, her thoughts wandering somewhere in the clouds seeing visions of her bright future. As we part in June we send you our prayers and hope for a happy successful life.*

### JOAN WALKER

549 Division St. St. Louis

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Catholic Truth 4; Student Council 4, President; Dramatics 3, 4; Latin Club 3, 4; Science Club 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Mercycress, Business Manager.

*Does anyone need a helping hand? We vouch that Joan will be there to assist you in any difficulty. She is the constant companion of another girl who possesses the same name. The class of "53" wishes you good luck and success in the career you are going to choose, for you deserve the best things in life. God keep His loving eye upon you always.*







NOREEN SAUCIER

We knew Noreen only one short year, but that was time enough for us to learn to appreciate her gaiety and pleasing ways. We were shocked to hear of her sudden death and our very first act as sophomores was to attend her funeral Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.



JOAN WILSON

During the three years that Joan attended Mt. St. Mary Academy, she was waging a losing battle against disease. In spite of this fact, Joan was always quiet, cheerful, diligent and very prayerful, and we feel that she was ready for Heaven when God called her.

"... when the voyage is o'er,  
Oh, stand on the shore  
And show Him at last to me."



QUI  
HOSPIT

"... the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts."

The future opens out to us three pathways. Which shall it be? An important part of our four years at Mt. St. Mary Academy is to probe our hearts and desires for the future, and to gain light and fortitude through prayer and guidance to follow the way our Leader, Jesus Christ, is pointing out to us.







Monsignor Gerrard proposes some serious thoughts on the value of a Catholic education on opening day, September, 1952.

During the springtime each year we have our Student Retreat. The memory of those three days spent exclusively in nearness to our Blessed Lord and His Holy Mother will never leave us. We recall the daily Mass and Communions, the talks of the retreat Father, the rosary in the garden, the silence, the stirrings in our hearts, and our talks with Father—all ending each day in the adoration of our Divine Savior at Benediction. Like the incense used at Benediction, the remembrances of those holy hours will spread a sweet-smelling perfume over our coming years.



Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during our retreat.



"All work and no play" is as stultifying for Jill as for Jack, so our academy provides numerous extra-curricular activities. Our Lady's blessing is still with us, teaching us to be good losers as well as winners; teaching us, too, that all is for Him through His Mother.





## *Our Junior Prom*



Soft lights, dreamy music, rustling tulle, and handsome escorts . . . our Junior Prom! For months we had anticipated this gala affair, and could hardly believe that at last it had arrived. After crowning The Blessed Mother as Queen of our prom, we went to the New Bedford Country Club, and danced to our hearts content. But all good things must come to an end, and at twelve, our prom was over. But the memory of our Junior Prom will remain dear to our hearts.





The Junior-Senior Frolic has become a tradition on our academy. This evening of entertainment, at which only Juniors and Seniors may attend, never fails to bring forth both laughter and tears. The juniors entertain and act as hostesses at this get-together of the seniors' high school life.

## *Junior Senior Frolic*

Dolores St. Pierre, Maureen Murphy and Mary Callahan personify three hoboes discussing the class prophecy.





## Initiation Day

Is looked forward to with mixed feelings on the part of Seniors and Freshmen. Following M.S.M.A. tradition, the Seniors initiate their Freshmen sisters early in September. After a day of hilarious fun, a mock court is held and offenders may have a make-up of flour or starch, or they may have to sing or dance for the student body. The grand finale, as you might guess, is refreshments for the Freshmen, who always prove to be good sports.

Dolores White gets not only a beauty treatment from Carroll King and Patricia O'Connor, but something in the line of refreshment, as well.

Norma Monast and Joan Markland give Sheila McMahon a flour facial.



# *Stars in our*



JEAN MARIE CAYA  
Maxima Cum Laude



BEVERLY HAYES  
Magna Cum Laude



# *Firmament*



JANICE COTTER  
Magna Cum Laude



BARBARA ROULEAU  
Magna Cum Laude



MARGARET DONNELLY  
Magna Cum Laude



JOAN WALKER  
Magna Cum Laude



MARY CALLAHAN  
Magna Cum Laude



Mrs. Kelly looks on watchfully, as Patricia O'Connor directs a scene from "Dark Wind," a moving one act melodrama.

Senorita Joan Araujo flutters her fan, while Mary Foley strums her banjo much to the merriment of Mrs. Kelly and the cast. Carol Donovan directed this hilarious comedy—"Girl from Brazil."







Dean Peyramale questions the authenticity of Bernadette's vision before her family.

#### DRAMATIC CLUB

This year the Marymounters celebrate their second anniversary. In two short years, this enterprising group has grown into one of the major activities available at Mount Saint Mary Academy. Under the skillful and competent guidance of Mrs. Daniel Kelly, Jr., our gracious dramatic coach, the Marymounters have taken great strides in the thespian arts.

Students are encouraged to participate in many different phases of the theatre, including monologs, radio technique, makeup, program planning and directing.

We voice our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Kelly for her encouragement to so many aspiring Helen Hayeses and Sarah Bernhardts.

All eyes turn toward the grotto, as Bernadette kneels in adoration.





The verse choir group  
at a solemn moment.



Christmas-red robes combined with angelic voices describes the Glee  
Club.

Margaret Donnelly as our Lady of LaSalette; Janet Hunt as the Little  
Shepherdess of LaSalette.







Cynthia Fahy, Pauline Ryan and Arlene Braga in a Nativity scene.

Our academy being still young, we continue to form traditions. An inspiring one is the annual Christmas Cantata. Early in the fall we begin rehearsals, and comments state that our performances are approaching perfection. Even as we go to press, words of commendation are still being expressed for our presentation of the cantata, Christmas 1952. S. M. Gabriella, as director of the Glee Club, deserves particular praise.

This year a special verse choir under the patient and able direction of S. M. Gertrude, R.S.M., abetted the tableaux and depicted the various apparitions of our Blessed Lady to shepherds. Throughout the ages, in times of war, tyranny, or world suffering, Our Lady came repeatedly to this earth to bring her gift, the Christ, again to man. "Again the Christ must live; again be born."

Joan Markland was impressive as our Lady of Guadalupe while Barbara Mello as Juan Diego evinces surprised reverence.

Our Lady of Fatima was portrayed by Patricia O'Connor; Jeffery Kelley as Francisco; Barbara Lopes as Jacinta; Ines Silva as Lucy.



The closing scene of the Cantata—Christmas 1952.





Sister Mary Gabriella, R.S.M., F.T.C.L., is director of M.S.M.A. Glee Club. Lorraine Bond, Beverly Hayes and Janice Cotter are the senior soloists; Marilyn Hodgson at the piano is our talented senior pianist.







## *Orchestra*

Only two short years ago an activity was inaugurated which proved to be most popular—an orchestra. Begun by Mr. Wilfred Roberts of Providence, daily practice as well as special lessons were continued by Sister Mary Verona, R.S.M. Last year Mrs. Rita Griffin of Fall River began to help us make the violins sing, and now we are looking forward to a concert before graduation. Everyone evinces surprised appreciation at our growth, and it must be admitted, even by us, the members of the orchestra.





Joan Walsh, Aldina Silvia, Joan Walker, Maureen Shovelton, Sheila Higgins and Margaret Hickey practice shooting a basket.



Mens sana in corpore sano. Here at the Mount our physical as well as spiritual well being is fostered, under the capable supervision of Miss Eileen McSorley.

Mary Judith Manning, Sylvia Mithers, Johanne Committo and Nancy Mills wait a turn while Madeline Demers and Mary Lou Brault try out a fox trot under the direction of Miss McSorley, gym teacher.





Monsignor Gerrard with Aldina Silvia, vice prefect; Eileen Murphy, prefect; Sheila Higgins, treasurer; and Joan Walsh, secretary of the Sodality of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

Every first Tuesday the student body of Mt. St. Mary Academy assembles in the auditorium for our monthly sodality meeting. Monsignor Gerrard, director of the sodality, presides. Reports by various department heads are interspersed with hymns appropriate to the liturgical season. Monsignor Gerrard has a spiritual message for us each month. We will never forget his reiterated slogan, "Catholic girls have to be different." We thank Monsignor Gerrard for the inspiration he has given us in living a full Catholic life during our student days and after we have left Mt. St. Mary Academy.



Counting cancelled stamps and promoting the sodality publication, *The Queen's Work*, keep Sheila Higgins, Cynthia Fahy and Helen Connors busy but smiling.



Maureen Murphy, Cynthia Fahy and Margaret Donnelly, *Mercycrest* photography editors.



Barbara Callahan, Dorothy Patterson, Joan Terceiro, Janet Cuillo, Rose Ryan, Madeline Mayo and Rita Martin; *Mercycrest* typists.



Phyllis Soltys, Helen Connors and Jean Michaud, literary editors of *Mercycrest*.







Joan Walker, Aldina Silvia and Carroll King,  
*Mercycrest* business managers.

Since September the staff of the *Mercycrest* has been afflicted with a severe case of the "deadline jitters." However, our advisor has proved to be an able physician administering a soothing remedy in the form of helpful and constructive advice. Using "Mary Star of the Sea" as a theme, the 1953 *Mercycrest* is an attractive, comprehensive, and interesting yearbook. Congratulations, girls, for work well done.



Eileen Murphy, Mary Esther Daly  
and Angela Bradbury plan specialties.



Monsignor Gerrard discusses the  
*Mercycrest* with Mary Callahan, ed-  
itor; Patricia O'Connor and Mari-  
lyn Hodgson, assistant editors. Joan  
Markland, art editor, was absent  
when this picture was taken.

# The



Mary Dumais, Ada King and Eunice Macedo plan layouts for the *Mercian*, while Norma Monast designs a motif for a special spot.



Francis Riley and Joan Walsh are the efficient business managers of the *Mercian*.



Barbara Rouleau, Dolores St. Pierre, Shirley Smith and Maureen Connelly discuss copy.



Jean Marie Caya, editor; Janice Cotter and Beverly Hayes, assistants.



# Mercian



Constance Medeiors and Margaret Hickey, *Mercian* typists.



The *Mercian's* versatile photographer, Sheila Higgins.

Where is that picture? Check that dummy! We have to make the deadline! Such are the frantic cries heard near the publication date of the *Mercian*. This year, our school paper is bigger and better than ever, thanks to the competent guidance of S. M. Flora, R.S.M.



Rose Ryan, Joan Sullivan and Patricia Tate enjoy typing copy for the *Mercian*.





1. The Debating Club forges forward to victory.  
 2. Officers of the French Club.  
 3. Certificate awarding, one of the highlights of Commercial Club meetings.  
 4. The Student Council—promoters of discipline.

5. The senior members of the Latin Club presents *Margaritae*.  
 6. The Science Club meets.  
 7. Diligent typing students acquire skill after hours.  
 8. The Spanish Club promotes Latin-America good will.



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Oh, stand on the shore  
And show Him at last to me."*



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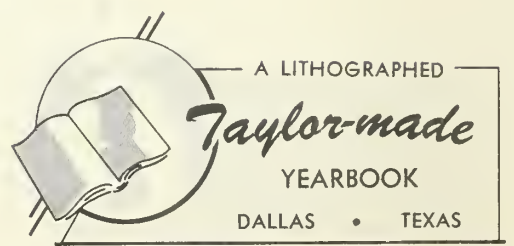


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